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III. REMARKS ON THE AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This amendment cancels all claims that were rejected in the Office Action dated October 20, 2005. Accordingly, it is believed that this amendment should be entered after final since it puts the application in condition for allowance or appeal.

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IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

All presently rejected claims have been canceled. Accordingly, it is believed that all of said rejections are rendered moot and the application is in ready condition for allowance.

V. SUMMARY

It is believed that this response addresses all rejections set forth in the present Office Action and the application is in ready condition for allowance. In consideration of the preceding amendments and remarks, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims (as amended herein), the withdrawal of all rejections set forth in the present Office Action and issue of a Notice of Allowance by The Office.

VI. INTERVIEW

If the Examiner believes a telephonic or personal interview would advance the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact attorney Gildea during business hours at the telephone or facsimile numbers listed below.

VII. FEES

Since this response is being filed within the shortened statutory period set for response and no additional claims are presented by the amendments set forth herein, it is believed that no additional fee is due for consideration of the claims as amended. If however, The Office determines that any other fee is due, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fee associated with the filing and consideration of this paper to Deposit Account 01-2213 (Order No: BP9901-US).

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/CUSTOMER NUMBER

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Respectfully submitted
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Oct 28, 2005

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